

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO SEEK A HIGHER LEVEL OF PROTECTION FOR COMMERCIAL HARVESTING OF TURTLES IN BROWARD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the continued commercial harvest of freshwater turtles within Broward County will negatively and permanently impact the sustainable population resulting in unknown consequences to the ecology and natural resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Commission and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have joined efforts in the protection of softshell turtles in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1999 the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission adopted an amendment to Title 39 F.A.C., Section 39-25.002(9) which prohibits the taking of softshell turtles or their eggs during the May 1 through July 31 nesting season (each year); and

WHEREAS, all species of turtles should be protected from over-harvest; and

WHEREAS, the commercial harvest of freshwater turtles in Broward County should be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, posting on canals and water bodies would enable local law enforcement agencies to clearly enforce violations of the prohibition of the harvest of freshwater turtles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie urges the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to support the Broward County Commission's efforts on substantial increased protection for turtles and prohibits commercial harvesting of softshell turtles in the jurisdiction of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie is in support of these efforts for greater protection of softshell turtles and protection of all species of turtles in Broward County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie urges the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to support the Broward County Commission efforts to seek a higher level of protection from commercial harvest of turtles in the protection of softshell turtles and all species of turtles in Broward County.

SECTION 2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Broward County Commission.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1999.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1999.